



SPONSOR: Rep. Kowalko

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 275

1 AMEND House Substitute No. 1 for House Bill No. 275 by striking Section 347 on page 226 in its entirety and
2 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 Section 347. Notwithstanding 14 Del. C. § 508 or any regulation to the contrary, a charter school may negotiate a
4 contract (multi-year, if desired) for contractor payment for school transportation up to the maximum rate specified which is
5 currently 70 percent of the average cost per student of transportation within the vocational district in which the charter
6 school is located or the charter school may publicly bid the transportation routes. ~~If the actual negotiated or bid costs are~~
7 ~~lower than the maximum rate specified above, the charter school may keep the difference for educational purposes.~~ If the
8 charter school includes a fuel adjustment contract provision, the charter school shall be responsible for increased payments
9 to the contractor or it may keep funds taken back from the contractor.

SYNOPSIS

This amendment to the budget bill removes the provision that overrides 14 Del. C. § 508's requirement that the State reimbursement to charter schools for transportation is limited to the lower of the formula or the actual bid costs. Traditional public schools are similarly limited to the approved formula or a bid amount, pursuant to the Delaware Administrative Code.